

BLESSINGS OF
**CALLING TOWARDS
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Blessings of Calling towards Righteousness

Excellence of reciting Salat-‘Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved Prophet ﷺ has stated: ‘مَنْ قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ وَحَمِدَ الرَّبَّ وَصَلَّى عَلَى النَّبِيِّ وَاسْتَغْفَرَ رَبَّهُ’ i.e., *The one who recites Quran; invokes the praises of Allah عزَّوَجَلَّ; recites blessed Durood upon the Beloved Rasul (ﷺ) and thereafter seeks forgiveness from Allah عزَّوَجَلَّ, فَقَدْ ظَلَبَ الْخَيْرَ مَكَانَهُ, ‘عَزَّوَجَلَّ’ undoubtedly, he has located goodness from its correct location.’ (Durr-e-Mansur, vol. 8, part 30, pp. 698)*

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Dear Islamic brothers! If we also long for the goodness & forgiveness and are desirous of the pleasure of Allah عزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasul ﷺ, we should recite blessed Durood upon the Beloved Rasul ﷺ with absolute devotion and concentration, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عزَّوَجَلَّ with the blessings of it, love of the Beloved and Blessed Rasul ﷺ would blossom in our hearts and the one who is privileged with love of the Greatest and Holiest Prophet ﷺ, would be successful in this world and Hereafter.

یا نبی! تجھ پہ لاکھوں دُرود و سلام، اس پہ بے ناز مجھ کو ہوں تیرا غلام
اپنی رحمت سے تُو شاہِ خیرِ الانام، مجھ سے عاصی کا بھی ناز بردار ہے

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Dear Islamic brothers! Let’s make good intentions for attaining reward before listening to the Bayan. The Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ has said, ‘نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِ’ *The intention of a believer is better than his action.* (Al-Mu’jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadis 5942)

Two Madani pearls

- Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to Bayan

- Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
- Instead of sitting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyat position as far as possible with the intention of showing respect the religious knowledge.
- I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving away slightly.
- If someone pushes me, I will remain patient and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with him.
- When I hear **صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ**, اَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ, اُذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging the uttering person.
- After the Bayan, I myself will approach other people for making Salām, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

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Intentions of delivering a Bayan

- I also make intention that I would deliver speech (Bayan) in order to seek the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and for reaping the reward.
- I will deliver my speech (Bayan) by reading from a book of a Sunni scholar.

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: ‘Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice.’ (Part 14, Surah An-Nahl, verse 125)

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

‘Convey from me even if it is a single verse.’ (Sahih Bukhari, Hadis 4361)

- I would follow these aforementioned commandments by calling people towards righteousness and forbid them from committing evil deeds.
- Whilst reciting poetry or speaking Arabic, English, or pronouncing difficult words I will focus my attention on the sincerity of my heart. That is to say, I will avoid delivering my speech with the intention to impress the audience with my knowledge.
- I will encourage the people to travel in Madani Qafilahs, practice the Madani In’amat and to join the ‘Ilaqa’i Daura for Nayki ki Da’wat’ (area visit for calling toward righteousness).
- I will avoid laughing and prevent others from laughing as well.

- In order to develop the habit of protecting my eyes from sins I will, as far as possible, keep them lowered.

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Madani pearls of delivering speech (Bayan)

Dear Islamic brothers! I am privileged to deliver the blessings of **Nayki ki Da'wat**, (Call towards Righteousness), today. First of all, a parable of person who gives up evil due to the blessings of Nayki ki Da'wat of a saint رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. After this, significance of calling towards righteousness in the light of Quranic verses and blessed Ahadis, then an overview of the reward of delivering Dars and then some Blessed Ahadis on the importance of Nayki ki Da'wat, and upon whom is it incumbent. I will relate a practical way of calling towards righteousness, moreover, Sunnah and manners of putting on kohl (Surmah).

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Result of individual efforts made on drunkard

It is stated on page 502, of the remarkable book '*Nayki ki Da'wat*' written by 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ: Hujjat-ul-Islam, Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Bin Muhammad Ghazali عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى reported in *Ihya-ul-'Uloom*, 'Sayyiduna Muhammad Bin Zakariyya عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى has stated: Once I visited Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Muhammad Bin 'Aishah عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى, he عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى was returning home from the Masjid after performing Salat-ul-Maghrib, he عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى saw a young Qurayshi who was highly intoxicated and was forcibly holding a woman, who was screaming. People rushed and fell upon him, (beating him up. Sayyiduna Ibn-e-'Aishah عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى recognising him freed him from the crowd, and hugged him affectionately, took him home and made him sleep. He had come to his senses when he awoke; when he became aware of his shameless behaviour during his state of intoxication, he became very ashamed and wept and began to depart.

Sayyeduan Ibn-e-'Aishah عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى stopped him and did Nayki ki Da'wat calling him towards righteousness in a very gentle and loving manner making him realize that: O Son! You are a Qurayshi, How great! You are of noble descent! Think seriously that you are a descendant of the greatest and the most honourable personality! Dear son repent from alcohol and all other sins. That young Qurayshi lad was deeply ashamed and repented tearfully and pledged to stay away from intoxication and all other types of sins. He عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى kissed the young man's forehead with affection and gave him great encouragement. He became deeply impressed and joined the company of Sayyiduna Ibn-e-'Aishah عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى and was later appointed for writing down blessed Ahadis. (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom*, vol. 2, pp. 411)

ہے فلاح و کامرانی نرمی و آسانی میں ہر بنا کام بگڑ جاتا ہے نادانی میں

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Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen the blessings of Nayki ki Da'wat, that an intoxicated young man, drowning in sins. By Sayyiduna Ibn-e-'Aishah رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى doing Nayki ki Da'wat put fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ into his heart making him not only repent of his sinful life but also inspired him to acquire the blessings of 'Ilm-e-Deen. We should also call towards righteousness in courteous manner doing individual efforts upon those who indulging in sins like telling lies, backbiting and hurting others etc. If we do this with sincerity and in the proper manner, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ it will produce outstanding results. If someone gives up evil and reforms and begin to do good deeds, his good deeds become Sadaqah Jariyah (source of acquiring continuous blessings after death) for us.

Remember! Calling towards righteousness is such a great work that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ continued to send His Rusul and Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ in the world from time to time for the guidance of mankind. If He عَزَّوَجَلَّ wills, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ can make wicked people get reformed even without Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ but He عَزَّوَجَلَّ has willed that His bondmen convey the call to righteousness, endure hardships in His path and then gain great rewards and ranks from His court. Therefore, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ continued to send His Rusul and Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ in the world for the fulfillment of the sacred task of 'call to righteousness' and finally sent His Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, bringing Prophethood to an end. He then left this great and glorious task to the beloved Ummah of His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ so that they could reform each other fulfilling this significant obligation. Then our pious predecessors, saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى, Sahabah Kiram رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ carried out this blessed work following the courteous manner of Blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ. (Nayki ki Da'wat, pp. 28)

عطا کردو مجھے اسلام کی تبلیغ کا جذبہ میں بس دیتا پھروں نیکی کی دعوت یا رسول اللہ

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, pp. 333)

The Importance of calling towards righteousness

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has described excellence in the call to righteousness in different places of the Holy Quran. Here is verse 104 of Surah, Aal-e-'Imran, part 4 with its translation from page 128 of *Kanz-ul-Iman* published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says:

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And let there be such a group among you that may call towards goodness and command what is righteous and prevent evil. And the very same attained their goals.

(Part 4, Surah Aal-e-'Imran, verse 104)

Commenting on the foregoing verse, the renowned exegetist of the Quran Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى has stated in *Tafseer-e-Na'eemi*, volume 4, page 72: O Muslims! There should be one such Jama'at amongst you, or that you should establish such a movement that enjoins people inclined towards sins towards righteousness, and invites non-believers towards Islamic faith, the transgressors towards piety, the heedless towards awareness, the ignorant towards Islamic knowledge and gnosis, the reserved ones towards the pleasure of (Divine) devotion and those in oblivion towards consciousness.

Similarly, this movement enforces correct beliefs, good manners and good deeds by preaching, by writing, using practical force, gently and (a ruler to his subjects) strictly. Further, this movement ought to prevent people from false beliefs, ill manners, bad deeds, evil intentions and evil thoughts by verbally, by writings and even by force (as per one's authority). All Muslims are preachers. It is Fard (obligatory) for all Muslims to command people to do righteous deeds and prevent them from evil. Preaching is a very significant worship in Islam because other acts of worship benefit us, whereas preaching benefits others as well. (*Tafseer-e-Na'eemi, vol. 4, pp.72*)

میں نیکی کی دعوت کی دھومیں مچا دوں ہو توفیق ایسی عطا یا الہی!

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Every Muslim is a preacher

Every Muslim is a preacher; weather he is a scholar or an Imam of a Masjid, a spiritual guide or a disciple, a trader or a customer, an employer or an employee, an officer or a labourer, a ruler or an ordinary person, no matter whatever his professional and social status, he should continue to spread Sunnah and perform the Madani activity of 'call to righteousness' among the people he lives or works with. He should strive to perform this great task making the best use of his abilities. (*Nayki ki Da'wat, pp.29*)

Those who carry out the obligation 'Calling towards righteousness' properly, Allah ﷻ bestows them glad tiding of success and prosperity. It is stated in Blessed Quran:

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And whose speech is better than one who calls towards his Lord and does righteous deeds, and says, 'I am a Muslim?' (*Part 24, Surah Ha-Meem As-Sajdah, verse 33*)

Commenting on the foregoing verse, a renowned exegetist of the Quran Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan عليه رحمۃ المآان has stated in *Tafseer-e-Na'eemi*: The best among all in calling towards righteousness is the Beloved Rasul صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and by virtue of him, saints and scholars even Mu'azzin (one who calls to prayer), those who say Takbeer (saying اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ) and every Mu'min who call any creature towards righteousness are also included in aforementioned verse. So we came to know that Allah ﷻ loves that conversation which calls towards righteousness albeit preacher makes it with a rough voice or in simple terms. (*Nur-ul-Irfan, pp. 766*)

Hujjat-ul-Islam Sayyiduna Imam Abu Haamid Muhammad Bin Muhammad Bin Muhammad Ghazali عليه رحمۃ اللہ الوالی has narrated: Sayyiduna Musa عليه السلام once humbly asked Allah, 'O Allah ﷻ! What is the reward for the one enjoining his brother to do good deeds and preventing him from evils?' Allah ﷻ said, 'I write the reward of one year's worship for each word of his and I have Haya (shyness) in giving him the torment of Hell.' (*Mukashafa-tul-Quloob, pp. 48*)

Treasure of reward

سُبْحَنَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! If you convey the call to righteousness to anyone, you will reap the reward of one year's worship for every Kalimah (i.e. word or sentence). Say you deliver Dars from *Faizan-e-Sunnat* to only Islamic brother in Masjid any day, reading out two pages and describing twenty good things, the reward of twenty years' worship will be recorded in your book of deeds whether or not the Islamic brother listening to the Dars acts accordingly, اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. If the Islamic brother starts acting upon what you preached during Dars, you will also continue to get as much reward as granted to him for as long as he keeps acting. If he teaches any Sunnah he learnt from you to someone else, so both he and you will get reward. In this way, your reward will continue to multiply, اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. If anyone becomes aware of the reward of the call to righteousness in the Hereafter, he will not waste even a single moment but strive to continue to spread the call towards righteousness.

(Nayki ki Da'wat, pp. 231)

کرم سے 'نیکی کی دعوت کا' خوب جذبہ دے دوں دھوم سُنتِ محبوب کی مچا یا رب!

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Reward of delivering Dars

Dear Islamic brothers! Indeed delivering Dars from *Faizan-e-Sunnat* is a means of conveying the call to righteousness. Therefore, pluck up the courage! Get rid of satan, remove hesitation and start delivering at least 'two Dars' from *Faizan-e-Sunnat* daily. Give one Dars at Masjid or square or marketplace and also deliver one at your home at a pre-determined time, gifting the listeners with pearls of Sunnah and reaping great reward. Listen to two Ahadis in this context and get electrified:

1. The Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'Whoever teaches my Ummah in such a way that a Sunnah is established or corrupt beliefs are eradicated, he will enter Heaven.' (Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 1, pp. 45, Hadis 14466)
2. The Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم prayed, 'May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ keep the one fresh who listens to my Hadis, memorizes it and conveys it to others.' (Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 298, Hadis 2665)

Dear Islamic brothers! Today, the vicious campaigns of the non-Muslims are striving for the survival and propagation of the irreligion in the world but, alas, the Muslims have indulged themselves in their worldly matters only. Regretfully, it seems, today's Muslims have considered just eating, drinking and merry-making as the aim of their lives. Who cares about preaching to others about Salah and Sunnah! They do not even have time to offer Salah with satisfaction for the betterment of their Hereafter. How can we find the heart full of love for Sunnah when all are just engrossed in improving world and just world?

Remember! اَمْرٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهْیٌ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ i.e., *Enjoining the good & forbidding the evil* is an extremely important act; negligence towards it would cause laziness and weakness in carrying out virtuous deeds; misguidedness would spread & ignorance would become prevalent. One can guess the importance of calling towards righteousness from following narration.

Sayyiduna Abu Darda رضي الله تعالى عنه has reported, 'Keep commanding what is just and forbids what is evil otherwise a cruel ruler dominate you who would not be kind to your youngsters, supplications of your righteous people would not be answered and they would not be spared when they seek forgiveness.' *(Ihya-ul-'Uloom vol. 2, pp. 383)*

Dear Islamic brothers! We have learnt that, one of the causes behind prayers not being answered is giving up the important obligation أَمْرٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهْيٌ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ. At times, a large number of people complain of their prayers being unanswered, express discontent and grumble in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Remember! Such critical remarks could be dangerous to one's Iman (faith). Therefore, exercise patience, whenever you face any catastrophic situation even if these prayers apparently seem unanswered in this world, are indeed accepted. The Blessed and Beloved Rasul صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Three things happen with the prayers, they are answered in time, or Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ prevents some misfortune to befall him or goodness of this prayer is accumulated for him in Hereafter.

(Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 4, pp. 37, Hadis 11133)

In another narration, it is stated, 'When a person witnesses his reward of these prayers in Hereafter which left unanswered whilst on earth, he would wish, that none of his prayers were accepted in the earth but reserved for the Hereafter). *(Al-Mustadrak lil-Haakim, vol. 2, pp. 164, Hadis 1862)*

Therefore, it is not appropriate from any angle to complain about those prayers leaving unanswered, on contrary, do pray a lot and call towards righteousness with great enthusiasm. إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ With the blessing of this great Madani work, prayers would also be answered.

يا الہی جو دعائیں نیک میں تجھ سے کروں قدسیوں کے لب سے آمیں ربنا کا ساتھ ہو

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Blessing of calling towards righteousness

Enjoining the good & forbidding the evil is a great obligation; the Blessed Quran conveys glad tiding of prosperity and salvation and praises preachers even blessed Ahadis give glad tidings for them. So, listen to few blessed Ahadis for arousing passion for calling towards righteousness.

1. Meeting your Deeni brother with a smiling face is a Sadaqah and calling towards righteousness and forbidding the evil is also a Sadaqah. *(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 3, pp. 384, Hadis 1963)*
2. Jannat-ul-Firdaus is decorated specially for that person who calls towards righteousness and forbids from the evil. *(Tanbih-ul-Mugtarrin, pp. 290)*
3. Sayyeduna Ka'b-ul-Ahbar رضي الله تعالى عنه has stated, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent revelation to Sayyiduna Musa (عَلَيْ تَيْبَتَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ) in blessed Torah, 'O Musa (عَلَيْ تَيْبَتَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ) the one who calls towards righteousness, forbids from evils and calls people towards my obedience will be blessed my proximity and the shade of my throne on the Day of Judgement.' *(Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 6, pp. 36, Hadis 7716)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen the immense significance and blessings of calling towards righteousness? This is the reason our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى never showed laziness in calling towards righteousness. If we have a look in our history, this crystal clear fact discloses that our blessed saints رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى carried out this blessed Madani work of calling towards righteousness in every era with full spirit and enthusiasm and authored countless unprecedented books in view of their great passion of publication of 'Ilm-e-Deen and for the comfort of coming generation by making the best use of their time. In short, our blessed pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى discharged their duties sincerely by authoring books, delivering speeches and calling towards righteousness but, alas, today we have ample opportunities available to call towards righteousness, despite we do not, due to our laziness. Remember! One performing it with sincerity for divine pleasure will certainly find it a very pleasurable act of worship.

Ameer-ul-Mu'minin Sayyiduna 'Usman-e-Ghani رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated: I have found the pleasure of worship in four things: (1) Fulfilling the Faraid of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ (2) Refraining from the acts declared Haraam by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ (3) Commanding good for attaining the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ (4) Preventing people from evils to remain safe from the wrath of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (*Al-Munabbihat*, pp. 37)

Sayyiduna Abu Bakrah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ once said, 'I prefer my death to that of any other animate being.' Listening to this, people, confused and worried, asked, 'But why?' He رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ replied, 'I fear living in such an era when I am unable to convey the call the righteousness and to prevent people from evils. There isn't any good in that era.' (*Sharh-us-Sudur*, pp. 11; *Ibn 'Asakir*, vol. 62, pp. 215)

Majority of Muslims are living in inactivity & passivity

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen the passion and spirit of Sayyiduna Abu Bakrah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ about calling towards righteousness? He would prefer this obligation of 'Enjoining the good & forbidding the evil', our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى were so deeply interested in conveying the call to righteousness that they considered it impossible to live without it. On the other hand, we find thousands of opportunities of performing this virtuous act but we don't care about it. On many occasions, it is even Wajib for us to prevent others from evils, but regretfully we do not pay heed to it. Alas, today the majority of Muslims is living in inactivity & passivity; carrying out good deeds have become difficult and committing sins have become easy to do. Deserted look of Masajid and hustle & bustle in cinemas makes sad. Excessive struggling of acquisition of facilities and completion of requirements has made the majority of Muslims quite heedless. Furthermore; the flood of sins has struck the lives of Muslims. Lying, backbiting, tale-telling, theft, murder, gambling, giving and taking interest, adultery, breach of trust, disobedience to parents, hurting Muslims without a Shar'i reason, malice and spite, arrogance, jealousy, etc. are being frequently committed in our society today. On many occasions, it is even Wajib for us to prevent others from evils, we regretfully, do not pay heed to it. Today, most of those considered to be highly educated in the world are unable even to recite the Holy Quran with correct pronunciation. Isn't it sheer ignorance?

Dear Islamic brothers! Get interested in good deeds. Step up the campaign of persuading others to offer Salah. Every time you head towards the Masjid, take others with you, persuading them. Teach Salah to those who do not know how to offer it correctly. If you inspire even a single person to offer Salah, you will attain the reward of every Salah he offers. Join Dawat-e-Islami's Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adults) usually held after Salat-ul-'Isha for approximately 40 minutes. Learn the Holy Quran and teach it to others in the Madrasah. If anyone learns Quran from you, you will also gain reward every time he recites it. Act upon Sunan and persuade others to do. If you teach a Sunnah to anyone, you will also gain its reward every time he acts upon it. Mount a strong campaign of reforming yourself and others by

travelling regularly on Madani Qafilahs and acting upon Madani In'amat. Working like a 'machine' to make other Muslims pious. You will derive a great deal of rich reward, gaining success in this world and the Hereafter.

Calling towards righteousness & Madani Channel

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! 92 departments of Dawat-e-Islami are working for propagation of calling towards righteousness. One of them, a very important department is Madani Channel, through which, message of Dawat-e-Islami is reaching many homes. Prior to launching Madani Channel when there was this mind-set of removing T.V from the houses of Muslims, it proved to be very difficult. Only one avenue remained. As an example, when direction of flood is turned away from destruction towards fields or crops so that they get irrigated, thus saving population from destruction, exactly in the same way, using the very same tool 'T.V' that has flooded every home, Madani Channel was introduced in order to awaken the Muslims from this flood of indecency and negligence and help save them from ignorance and sins.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! with the tireless efforts and struggle of Markazi Majlis-e-Shura, Madani Channel started spreading message of Dawat-e-Islami door to door in September 2008 Ramadan-ul-Mubarak 1429 Hijri and producing marvellous outcome. To what extent, Madani Channel achieved its objective can be estimated though following attributes:

- **Aim of Madani Channel:** Propagation of the pure message of Islam free from false belief.
- Madani Channel being a standard bearer of protection of Islamic faiths & beliefs not only spread the message of Allah's ﷺ fear & love of Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ but also continues its services in many other Islamic fields.
- Madani Channel has succeeded in delivering the message to every nook & corner of the globe in a most effective and convincing manner where access was a difficult task.
- Madani Channel is an only channel where women are not displayed on the media. In this regard, Madani Channel is a 100% purely Islamic channel.
- Madani Channel is an only channel which is non- commercial.
- Madani Channel is playing a vital role in helping cure the social disease infecting the community with the invasion of vulgarity & obscenity prevalent on social media.
- Rulings about beliefs, worship, and ethics, religious and social issues are broadcasted with great care and responsibility.

It is evident that the Muslims will remain safe from other sinful channels as long as they keep watching Madani Channel. By the grace of Almighty Allah ﷻ, Madani Channel has achieved success beyond our expectations. We are receiving thousands of messages of congratulations and encouragement daily, from the whole world. Apart from congratulation, these messages have also revealed great positive changes taking place in the lives of many people as a result of watching our Madani Channel. Many have repented of sins, started offering Salah and acting upon Sunnah. Even some unbelievers are also reported to have embraced Islam by virtue of watching Madani Channel.

Dear Islamic brothers! You are also requested keep watching Madani Channel. اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. You will learn thousands of Sunan and along with acting upon Sunnahs, you will have a mind-set to refrain from

un-Islamic movies, dramas and songs etc., as well as acquire a deep yearning to immerse yourself in the love of the Noble Prophet ﷺ.

مدنی چینل کے سبب نیکی کی دعوت عام ہو عام دنیا بھر میں یا ربّ دین کا پیغام ہو

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

People do not seem inclined to agree with us

Dear Islamic brothers! Many Islamic brothers would have had a mind-set of being a part of calling towards righteousness. But remember! Satan would never bear our calling towards righteousness. It is not unimaginable that satanic whispering may prevent us from this good act by overwhelming us with such ideas: 'Your calling towards righteousness is of no use, neither does anyone listen to your preaching nor does anyone is worried about one's Hereafter; despite your hard individual effort, very little amount of people attend Chowk Dars (Dars at square) Masjid Dars and weekly Sunnah-inspiring congregation, let them live in whichever condition they are and mind your own business'.

This satanic attack makes Islamic brothers lazy in carrying our Madani works and they appear to have been complaining of their failures. Making all these people understand, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ has said, 'You did not get the essence what success is indeed, if you make a mind-set that success is not the name of crowd & multitude instead success is the name of pleasing Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. So, never get disheartened. Second thing is that people do not seem inclined to agree with us; in this regard, with all respect I ask who had given you the task to make them agree. Remember! Even the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام were tasked to deliver the message simply, not to make them agree. All these Blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام preached and preaching implies deliverance not convince.'

Surah Yaseen part 22 states the saying of the preachers of Sayyiduna Isa's عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام Ummah:

وَمَا عَلَيْنَا إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿١٧﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And our duty is nothing but to simply convey (the message).

(Part 22, Surah Yaseen, verse 17)

Commenting on the foregoing verse, the renowned commentator of the Quran, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الْعَمَّان has said, 'Some Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام are those who were not accepted by anybody and some are those who were accepted by one or two persons.' (Mirat-ul-Manajih, pp. 159)

Undoubtedly, despite this fact, every Prophet عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام discharges his duty 100% completely; no one dodges his obligation. So my naive preachers! Do not fall prey to the satanic conspiracy. Yours and our success is not based on this condition that people get convinced but those Islamic brothers, amongst us, call towards righteousness sincerely are successful actually. We call towards righteousness; we are not responsible of bringing or convincing. It is in the mercy and the favour of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ whoever He عَزَّوَجَلَّ wants to give privilege to accept our message of calling towards righteousness. However, one important Madani pearl is worth listening, 'When Muslim does not seem inclined despite our struggle

than it is necessary to avoid backbiting and slandering by uttering مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ such words for him e.g., 'heartless' and 'obstinate'. Lest we start Mustahab (preferable act) but the burden of sins turns on us, وَالْعِيَاذُ بِاللَّهِ تَعَالَى. On such occasions, we should admit our lapses in our way of preaching and lack of sincerity and should repent and pray for the reform of people in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ using the medium of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام, blessed Sahabah Kiraam رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ and blessed saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى. (Nayki ki Da'wat, pp. 522)

It is stated in the book 'Kufriyah Kalimat kay baray mayn Suwal Jawab', publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام towards pharaoh as a Rasul. When Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام began to discharge his Divine compliance, he heard a voice, 'O Musa! Pharaoh would not embrace Iman (true faith); listening to this Sayyeudna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام thought 'then it's of no use going there'. Upon this, 12 Blessed Angel Scholars عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام said, 'O Musa (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام)! Go, for where you are instructed', this is that secret which has not revealed to us till today and finally everyone witnessed the benefit of sending Blessed Rasul عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام who destroyed enemies of Allah. Friends of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have sought salvation from torment by acquiring the slavery of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام. In one incident, 70000 magicians bowed down and spoke unanimously:

قَالُوا آمَنَّا بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ رَبِّ مُوسَى وَهَارُونَ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: They said, 'We have accepted faith in the Lord of all the Creations. The Lord of Musa and Haroon'.

(Part 9, Surah Al-A'raf, verse 121-122)

Dear Islamic brothers! The blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام are made infallible, they do not object upon Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ at all. Idea coming into the mind of Blessed Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام is not objection against Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ but also it was thought on Allah's عَزَّوَجَلَّ way of doing things and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was made witness of Divine wisdom with his own eyes. Since pharaoh was a sinister, he did not embrace Iman but Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام went to him to call towards righteousness and with the blessing of it 70000 magician embraced Iman. (Kufriyah Kalimat kay baray mayn Suwal Jawab, pp. 144)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! A preacher should perform this great obligation with determination. Whether how badly he is treated, mocked or hurt but he should not give up his courteous manner. Explaining few standard of calling towards righteousness, Hujjat-ul-Islam, Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْوَالِي has stated:

1. Informing Shar'i ruling to the one who is unaware of its Shar'i status (e.g., informing a usurer about interest that it is a Haraam act, therefore you should refrain from it).
2. Wise counselling & advising through speaking gently (e.g., while making backbiter understands, saying in a gentle manner, 'Dear brother! Backbiting is a Haraam and an act leading to Hell. Why do

you fall into the sin of backbiting? Kindly avoid committing backbiting and make your mind not to commit backbiting nor will we listen to it, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.

3. The third standard of calling towards righteousness is that scolding and reprimanding the transgressor; scolding does not imply abusive language; it is as teacher scolds his student, parent to their children and spiritual guide to his follower using these types of words: O uninformed! O silly! O oblivious! Do you not fear Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** or using such type of words.
4. Stopping things practically by having dominance e.g., breaking instrument of singing & music, spilling alcohol, tearing off silk garments and snatching back the garments from usurpers and returning to its owner. (This last standard is for rulers.) (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom*, vol. 2, pp. 1124)

Dear Islamic brothers! It is not necessary for everyone to carry out on all mentioned standards but there are some conditions. It is stated on page 615, volume 3 of 1197-page book *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami: There are many forms of **أَمْرٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهْيٌ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ**:

1. If great possibility is, that they will refrain from evil acts if they are called towards righteousness than **أَمْرٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ** is Wajib.
2. If great possibility is, that they (to whom Da'wah is delivered) will make false allegation and swear, than leaving behind the calling towards righteousness is preferable.
3. If they will likely to beat him and he would not tolerate it, which may cause conflict & dispute than leaving is preferable.
4. If they will likely to beat him and he would tolerate it than such person is Mujahid (warrior or soldier).
5. If it is known that neither do they neither beat nor do they swear than it is up to him and it is preferable to call towards righteousness (enjoin the good & forbid the evil).

جسے نیکی کی دعوت دُوں اسے دے دے ہدایت تُو زباں میں دے دے اثر کر دے عطا زورِ قلم مولیٰ

(*Wasail-e-Bakhshish*, pp. 99)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Even if you are pious and virtuous but you do not call others towards righteousness while you witness them to be involved in sins not only general Muslims but also your own family members are committing sins but you have no yearning to reform them. Listen to a Hadis and start calling towards righteousness by making yourself frightened from Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.

Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** commanded Sayyiduna Jibrail **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام**: 'Turn such & such town upside down along with its inhabitants.' Sayyiduna Jibrail **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام** said humbly, 'O Allah (**عَزَّوَجَلَّ**) there is also so and so pious person among them who has not even committed an iota of disobedience to You.' Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** instructed **أَقْلَبَهَا عَلَيْهِمْ فَإِنَّ وَجْهَهُ لَمْ يَتَمَعَّرْ فِي سَاعَةٍ قَطُّ** i.e., *Turn this town upside down upon them because expression of his face never changed after seeing my disobedience.* (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman*, vol. 6, pp. 97, Hadis 7595)

It is stated in the context of aforementioned blessed Hadis: Where it is necessary to refrain from evils and strongly attach to the good deed; being worried and feeling embarrassment at conspiracies against the stability of Deen and cruelty towards Muslims and, moreover, declining of social values is also a requisition of Iman. Those people who keep trying to eliminate social evils for the sake of Allah's ﷻ pleasure and remain worried over lack of their strength than for what use is of their piety. Therefore, along with worshipping and reforming yourself discharge the responsibility of trying to protect the society from impermissible acts and downfall of Muslim Ummah. (Mirat-ul-Manajih, pp. 516)

Der Islamic brothers! Certain sorts of people do have a greed for earning virtues and they do perform their Salah with punctuality but instead of abandoning the company of clean-shaven friends (it means those friends who openly commit sins/shaving beard is a sin) they enjoy their gathering for the sake of Nafs (self), though they remain silent apparently, they derive pleasure out of friend's careless and sinful talks; obviously, if Nafs would not have found pleasure than why would they keep company with such sort of people! Following narration is a scourge for such type of people.

Allah ﷻ sent revelation to Sayyiduna Yusha' Bin Noon ﷺ that one hundred thousand people would be destroyed by the torment from your nation, out of them, 40000 are pious and 60000 are wicked. Sayyiduna Yusha Bin Noon ﷺ said humbly, 'O Allah ﷻ! Wicked people deserve torment but why the virtuous are being destroyed?' Stated, 'Because these virtuous people also join wicked people's company in eating and drinking and they never feel offended or unpleasant after seeing my disobedience.' (Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 7, pp. 53, Raqm 9428)

Dear Islamic brothers! Examine your integrity, have you ever prevented anybody committing sin with your hand or tongue or whether felt offended in case of finding yourself helpless? Alas! If you are served late, quantity of salt increased in your food, son takes leave from school than you would feel unpleasant but family members are missing all five Salah everyday but no sign of displeasure even doing nothing to make them understand. Is such way of leading correct? For example, father should prevent his son committing sin with his hand and scholar should use his tongue to prevent people from committing sins, if the one who is deprived of both the powers than at least he should show displeasure, but no one seems to have this mind-set.

Ponder! For instance: Music is on, does it hurt us? Do we feel unhappy? No, because ﷻ we ourselves have mobile phones bearing music tones. Two persons exchange abusive language in the street, do we feel it bad? No, because ﷻ sometimes rude words come out of our mouth too. Such and such person tells a lie, do you feel offended?

These examples are just for the sake of stirring you up otherwise it has also been observed that many people who even do not have musical tones in their cell phones, nor do they tell a lie & rude words, despite they are void of the mind-set of feeling it bad. If we have a mind-set of feeling offended against evils and developing a habit of yearning in true sense for the sake of Allah's ﷻ pleasure, reform will prevail in our society. Because when we strongly dislike evils, we will start making other understand. Therefore, we should try to carry out good deeds, refrain from evils, calling others towards righteousness and giving others a mind-set of refraining from evils.

مجھے تم ایسی دو، ہمت آقا دوں سب کو نیکی کی دعوت آقا
بنادو مجھ کو بھی نیک خصلت نبی رحمت شفیع اُمّت

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Summary of speech (Bayan)

Dear Islamic brothers! There are many beautiful blessings of calling towards righteousness. When an intoxicated person was given a mind of fear Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, he gave it up, repented of his sins and was blessed way of Jannah. Calling towards righteousness is a mark of distinction of this Ummah. Calling towards righteousness is a significant worship in Deen-e-Islam; preachers not only gains its benefit himself but also delivers its benefit to others. One who calls towards righteousness is like virtuous person who performs deeds. Preacher will have glad tiding of goodness and success on behalf of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. His conversation is highly appreciated in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ; he is bestowed reward against one year worship in return of each word; he is blessed glad tiding of Jannah; Jannah is decorated for preacher; the one who call towards righteousness will have proximity to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the world and grave; the one who calls towards righteousness will be blessed with the shade of the throne of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ on the Day of Judgement. Calling towards righteousness is blessed way of pious predecessors, saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى, Sahabah Kiram رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ even the Holy Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام.

Need of calling towards righteousness

Dear Islamic brothers! At times, calling towards righteousness is a need of the time; sins in our society is multiplying day by day, therefore, along with strive to reform ourselves, we have to strive to reform people of the whole world; if no one get reformed by our efforts of calling towards righteousness than do not get disheartened and continue your effort. Our duty is only to call towards righteousness and forbid from evil. You may face trials and tribulation initially but these troubles are of no worth in the face of the torments & harassment meted out to the Blessed and Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. So, rekindle the troubles of our pious predecessors, saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى, Sahabah Kiram رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ the Holy Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام and call towards righteousness with great enthusiasm and fervour. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ You will be successful in both the worlds.

Read more blessings of calling towards righteousness and in order to arouse the passion of striving to reform the people of the whole world, read remarkable book 'Nayki ki Da'wat' authored by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ it will be proved very beneficial دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ.

The book 'Nayki ki Da'wat' is a chapter of the second volume of *Faizan-e-Sunnat*. The need of calling towards righteousness, excellence of calling towards righteousness and the harms of quitting it have been described in this book as well as colourful, convincing and credible Madani pearls are also added. For example: Excellence of weeping for fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has been merged in this book; interesting parables and the Blessed saying of Beloved Rasul صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ based on the significance of intention and other important issues have also been included in this book. This marvellous book can be purchased from any branch of Maktaba-tul-Madinah or it can also be downloaded from the website of Dawat-e-Islami: www.dawateislami.net

Take part in 12 Madani works

Dear Islamic brothers! 'أَمْرٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهْيٌ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ' If we want to arouse the passion of calling towards righteousness and want to train ourselves with valuable guidance than we should take a part in 12 Madani works with great enthusiasm. One of the Zayli Madani works is also a weekly area visit for calling towards righteousness. Calling towards righteousness is such a great work carried out by our pious predecessors, saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى, Sahabah Kiram رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ and the Holy Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام.

Swing in garden

Impressed by the 'area visit to call people towards righteousness' being carried out in an area of Hyderabad (Sindh, Pakistan), a modern young man attended the Masjid where he listened to a Sunnah-Inspiring speech during which the attendees were encouraged to travel with Madani Qafilahs. Expressing his willingness to travel with a Madani Qafilah, the young man also got his name registered. A few days before his departure with the Madani Qafilah, he passed away. Someone from his family had a dream in which he saw the deceased swing cheerfully in a beautiful lush green garden. The dreaming person asked, 'How did you get here?' He replied, 'I have got here with the Madani Qafilah of Dawat-e-Islami! Allah ﷺ has blessed me greatly. Please ask my mother not to grieve for me as I am very comfortable here.'

Khuld mayn hoga hamara dakhilah is shān say
Ya Rasulallah ﷺ ka na'rah lagātay jāyain gayn

Whilst entering Paradise with glory, اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ
We will be chanting the slogan 'Ya Rasulallah ﷺ'

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Ending of my speech, I would mention the excellence of Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah ﷺ has said, 'He who loves my Sunnah, loves me, and he who loves me will be with me in Jannah.'

(Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)

سینہ تری سنت کا مدینہ بنے آقا جنت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

Putting on the kohl: 4 Madani pearls

1. In *Sunan Ibn Majah*, there is a narration that, 'The best kohl (Surmah) among all is Ismid as it strengthens the eyesight and grows the eyelashes.' (*Sunan Ibn-e-Mājah*, p. 115 vol. 4, Ḥadīṣ 3497)
2. Kohl made from other stones can also be used. It is, however, Makruh (disliked) for a man to use black kohl with the intention of makeup but if that is not the intention, it is not Makruh.
(*Fatāwā 'Ālamgiri*, pp. 359, vol. 5)
3. It is Sunnah to use antimony before sleeping. (*Mirā-tul Manājīh*, p. 180, vol. 6)
4. Here is the summary of the three narrated methods of using kohl.
 - a. Apply thrice to each eye (put the applier in the kohl container each time for a new application).
 - b. Apply thrice in the right eye and twice in the left.
 - c. Apply twice to each eye and on the last application take the applier and put it in the container then use that same applier to equally put it in both eyes. (*Shu'abul Īmān*, pp. 218-219 vol. 5)

To learn various Sunnahs, buy and read the books *Bahar-e Shari'at* volume 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatayn aur Adaab* comprising of 120 pages, both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah. One of the best ways to learn Sunnahs is to travel in the Madani Qafilahs of Da'wat-e-Islami with the devotees of the Beloved Prophet.

تین دن ہر ماہ جو اپنائے مدنی قافلہ بے حساب اس کا خدایا! خلد میں ہو داخلہ

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The six types of Salawat-'Alan-Nabi that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Da'wat-e-Islami:

1. The Salat-'Alan-Nabi for the night preceding Friday

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْاُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيْمِ
الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى اٰلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. (*Afzal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 151)

2. All sins forgiven

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اٰلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whoever recites this Salat upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.' (*ibid*, pp. 65)

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him. (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*, pp. 277)

4. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, ‘For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.’ (Majma’-uz-Zawaid, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadis 17305)

5. The reward of 600,000 Salawat-‘Alan-Nabi

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بَدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Sawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَادِي reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-‘Alan-Nabi 600,000 times.

(Afzal-us-Salawat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 149)

6. Nearness to the Distinguished Prophet ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.’

(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi’, pp. 125)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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